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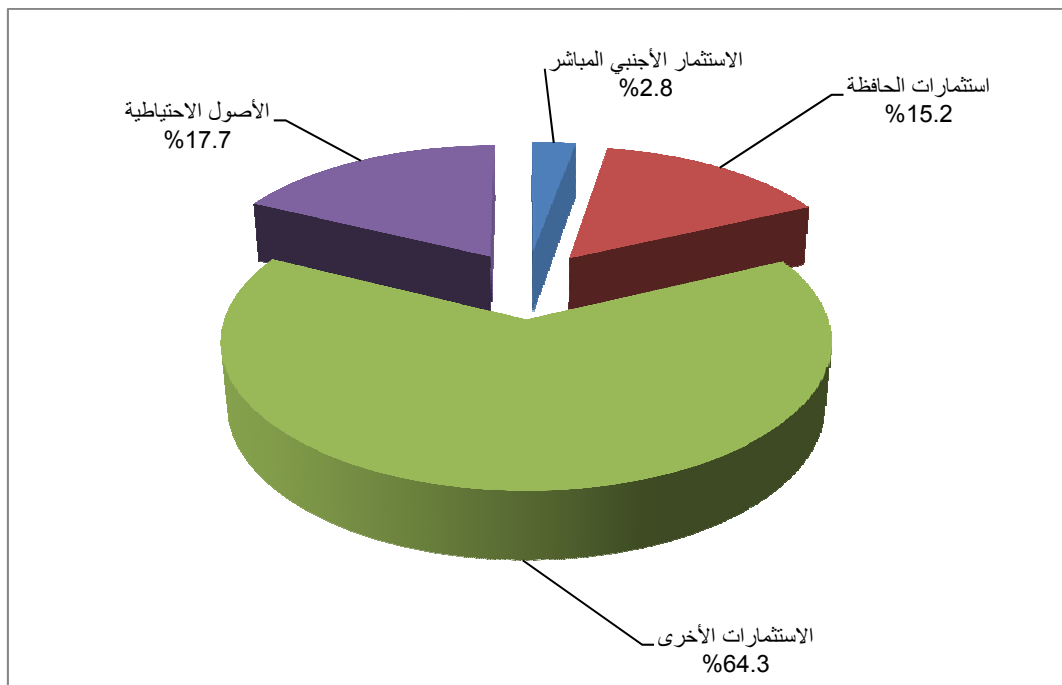


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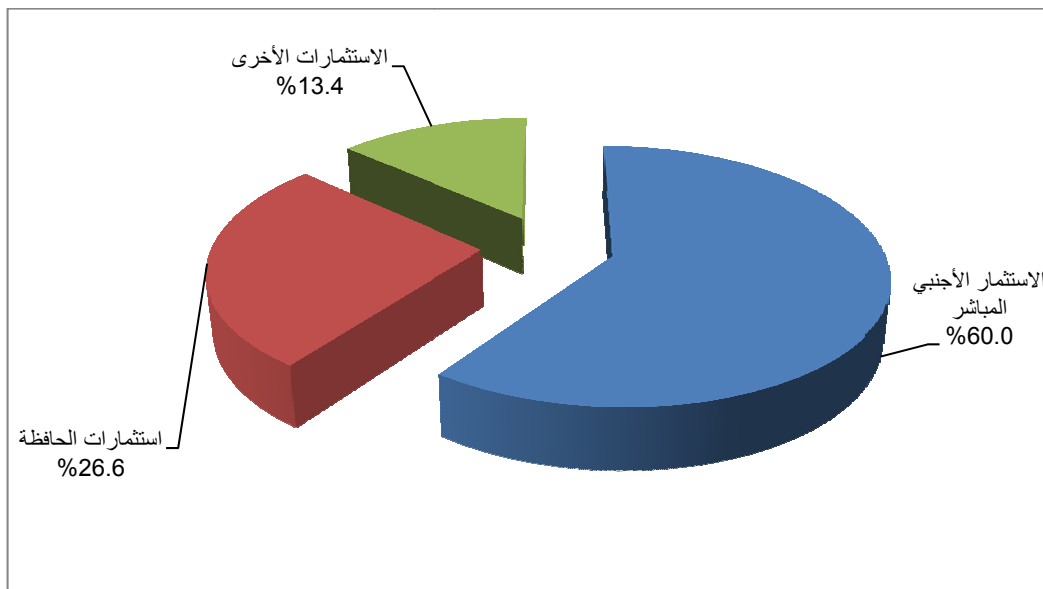
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## جدول 1: المؤشرات الرئيسية لمسح الاستثمار الأجنبي للمؤسسات الفلسطينية (أرصدة)، في نهاية عام 2010

Table 1: Main Indicators of the Foreign Investment Survey of Palestinian Enterprises (stocks) at the end of 2010

(Value in million US \$)

(القيمة بالمليون دولار امريكي)

Indicator	رصيد 2010 Stock 2010	المؤشر
<b>Total Assets*</b>	<b>5273.2</b>	<b>مجموع الأصول*</b>
Stocks of Foreign Direct Investment	146.6	أرصدة الاستثمار الأجنبي المباشر
Stocks of Portfolio Investments	801.0	أرصدة استثمارات الحافظة
of which: Equity securities	200.4	:
of which: Debt securities	600.6	:
Stocks of Other Investments:	3392.3	الاستثمارات الأخرى:
of which: Trade credits	67.3	:
of which: Loans	58.2	:
of which: Currency and deposits	3266.2	:
of which: Other Assets	0.6	:
Stocks of Reserves Assets	933.3	أرصدة الأصول الاحتياطية
<b>Total Liabilities**</b>	<b>2297.0</b>	<b>مجموع الخصوم**</b>
Stocks of Foreign Direct Investment	1378.3	أرصدة الاستثمار الأجنبي المباشر
Stocks of Portfolio Investments	611.9	أرصدة استثمارات الحافظة
of which: Equity securities	611.9	:
of which: Debt securities	0.0	:
Stocks of Other Investments:	306.8	الاستثمارات الأخرى:
of which: Trade credits	0.6	:
of which: Loans	76.0	:
of which: Currency and deposits	228.0	:
of which: Other Liabilities	2.2	:

\* Assets is the investments abroad of the Palestinian enterprises.

\* الأصول هي الاستثمارات الخارجية للمؤسسات الفلسطينية.

\*\* Liabilities is the foreign investments in the Palestinian enterprises.

\*\* الخصوم هي الاستثمارات الأجنبية في المؤسسات الفلسطينية.

جدول 2: التوزيع النسبي للاستثمار الأجنبي المباشر في المؤسسات الفلسطينية حسب النشاط الاقتصادي، في نهاية عام 2010

**Table 2: Percentage Distribution of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) in Palestinian Enterprises by Economic Activity at the end of 2010**

Economic Activity	%	النشاط الاقتصادي
Financial Intermediation	53.3	الوساطة المالية
Services & Transport, storage & communications	40.3	الخدمات والنقل والتخزين والاتصالات
Constructions	5.1	الإنشاءات
Industry	1.3	الصناعة
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>المجموع</b>

جدول 3: التوزيع النسبي للاستثمار الأجنبي المباشر في المؤسسات الفلسطينية حسب الدولة، في نهاية عام 2010

**Table 3: Percentage Distribution of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) in Palestinian Enterprises by Country at the end of 2010**

Country	%	الدولة
Jordan	76.0	الأردن
Qatar	12.6	قطر
Egypt	4.3	مصر
Saudi Arabia	1.2	السعودية
Great Britain	0.9	بريطانيا
Other Countries	5.0	دول أخرى
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>المجموع</b>

جدول 4: التوزيع النسبي لاستثمارات الحافظة الأجنبية في المؤسسات الفلسطينية حسب النشاط الاقتصادي، في نهاية عام 2010

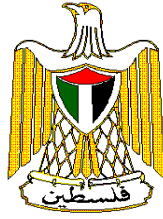
**Table 4: Percentage Distribution of Foreign Portfolio Investments in Palestinian Enterprises by Economic Activity at the end of 2010**

Economic Activity	%	النشاط الاقتصادي
Financial Intermediation	29.5	الوساطة المالية
Services & Transport, storage & communications	63.0	الخدمات والنقل والتخزين والاتصالات
Constructions	3.5	الإنشاءات
Industry	4.0	الصناعة
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>المجموع</b>

جدول 5: التوزيع النسبي لاستثمارات الحافظة الأجنبية في المؤسسات الفلسطينية حسب الدولة، في نهاية عام 2010

**Table 5: Percentage Distribution of Foreign Portfolio Investments in Palestinian Enterprises by Country at the end of 2010**

Country	%	الدولة
Jordan	53.3	الأردن
United Arab Emirates	10.3	الإمارات العربية المتحدة
Swezerland	8.6	سويسرا
Saudi Arabia	7.5	السعودية
Kuwait	5.2	الكويت
Other Countries	15.1	دول أخرى
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>المجموع</b>



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## **Introduction**

The Foreign Investment Survey is considered to be the best tool for collecting data about the International Investment Position (IIP), which collects details about the flow and stocks of foreign investments using special forms. The IIP is an account which records the total balance of foreign financial assets and liabilities of the economy. Changes in IIP are categorized in two levels: the first differentiates between assets and liabilities and the difference represents the net IIP. The second level focuses on the division of assets and liabilities on a functional basis that is fully consistent with the basic elements of financial accounting in the balance of payments, in addition to changes between stocks at the beginning and end of the period. This may include changes in prices, currency exchange rates, or a quantitative change resulting from sudden profit or loss as a result of natural disasters or war. The Foreign Investment Survey was conducted in accordance with recent international recommendations (Balance of Payments Manual 1993 issued by the International Monetary Fund), while taking into account the unique circumstances of the Palestinian Territory.

The Palestinian Central Bureau of Statistics and Palestinian Monetary Authority are pleased to issue the first version of the Foreign Investment Survey for 2010 on Palestinian enterprises.

The first chapter of the report details the main results of the survey. The second chapter describes the methodology used in the implementation of this survey and the measures implemented to ensure the quality control of data. The third chapter covers the concepts and definitions used in the report. The report is also comprises detailed tables of the most important results of the survey on a national level.

The results of the Foreign Investment Survey constitute the basic pillar for the compilation of the Palestinian International Investment Position (IIP) and for statistics on Palestinian external debit for the Palestinian Territory. PCBS hope that the results of the survey will provide statistical evidence about foreign investments in terms of type, economic activity, and country of investment, and will meet the needs of both the public and private sector for such statistical data.

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Chapter One

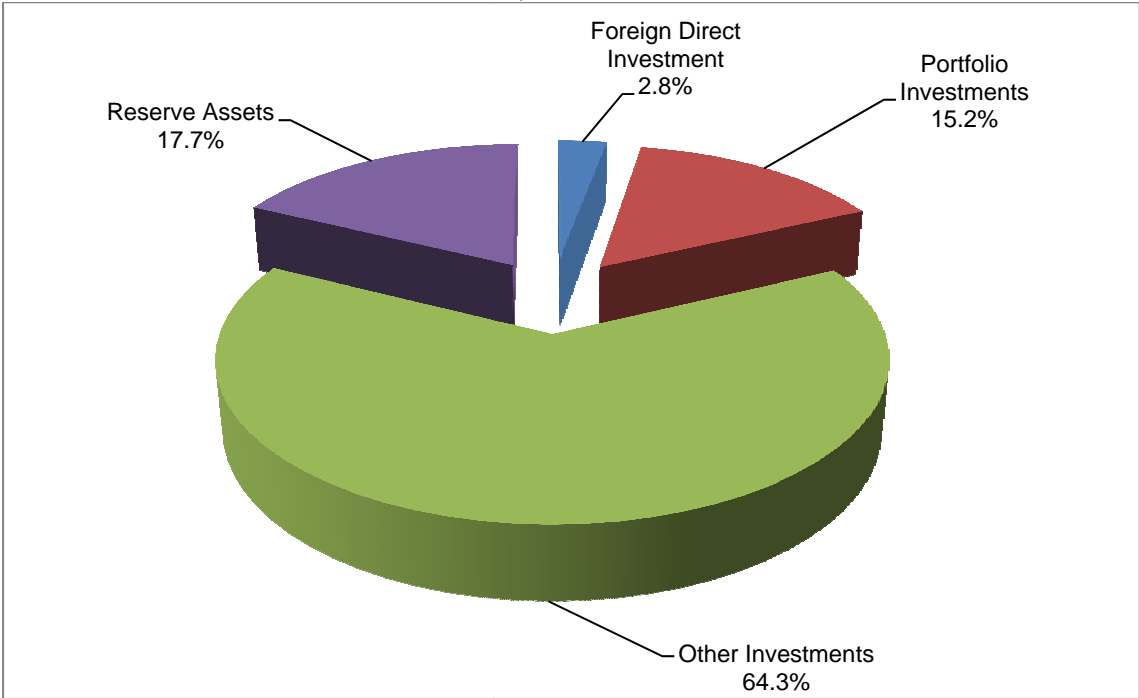
**Main Findings**

The Foreign Investment Survey of Palestinian enterprises 2010 has concluded important results for researchers, academics, and decision makers. The results indicated that investments by Palestinian enterprises outside the Palestinian Territory were greater than investment by non-residents in the Palestinian Territory at the end of 2010.

The main findings of the survey are as follows:  
The total stock of Palestinian investments abroad (assets) amounted to US\$5,273.2 million at the end of 2010 while total foreign investment stock in Palestinian enterprises (liabilities) amounted to US\$2,297.0 million at the end of the same year.

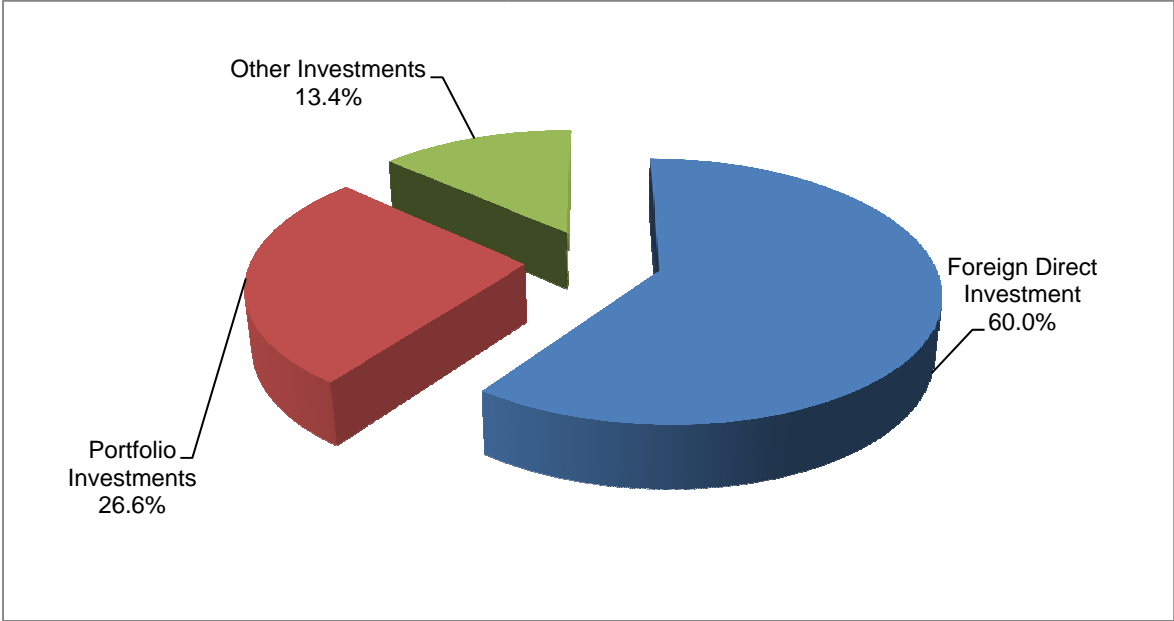
With regard to the distribution of assets, foreign direct investment (FDI) abroad amounted to US\$146.6 million at the end of 2010, while portfolio investments abroad amounted to US\$801.0 million. Other investments abroad amounted to US\$3,392.3 million. The stock of reserve assets for the PMA abroad amounted to US\$933.3 million at the end of 2010.

**Percentage Distribution of External Assets Stocks of Palestinian Enterprises by Type of Investment, at the end of 2010**



With regard to the distribution of liabilities, foreign direct investment (FDI) in Palestinian enterprises amounted to US\$1,378.3 million at the end of 2010, while portfolio investments in Palestinian enterprises were US\$611.9 million. Other investments in Palestinian enterprises totaled US\$306.8 million.

**Percentage Distribution of Foreign Liabilities Stocks in Palestinian Enterprises by Type of Investment, at the end of 2010**





## Chapter Two

### Methodology and Data Quality

This chapter details the objectives of the survey, the questionnaire for the economic surveys series, the frame, sample and implementation stage, and the accuracy of the data with relation to statistical and non-statistical errors at all stages of the survey that include data collection and data entry.

#### 2.1 Survey Objectives

The Foreign Investment Survey of Palestinian enterprises for 2010 aims to provide indicators about:

1. Stocks of foreign direct investment in Palestinian enterprises and its distribution by economic activity and country.
2. Stocks of portfolio investment in Palestinian enterprises and its distribution by economic activity and country.
3. Stocks of direct investments abroad by Palestinian enterprises.
4. Stocks of portfolio investments abroad by Palestinian enterprises.
5. Stocks of other foreign investments in Palestinian enterprises and abroad by Palestinian enterprises.
6. Stocks of reserve assets (for the Palestinian Monetary Authority) abroad.

#### 2.2 Questionnaire

The design of the questionnaire took into consideration integration with the economic surveys series implemented by the PCBS, while taking into account the specific targets of this survey. The survey questionnaire ensured the inclusion of the most important economic variables related to investment activities with the rest of the world and to meet the needs for the preparation of national accounts, balance of payments (BOP), and international investment position (IIP).

#### 2.3 Coverage and Sampling

##### 2.3.1 Coverage

The sampling population included profit enterprises that perform any economic activity in the Palestinian Territory, particularly enterprises with investment from abroad or which have overseas investments.

##### 2.3.2 Sample Design

The sample for the Foreign Investment Survey 2010 comprised two groups: the first group included non-financial enterprises and financial enterprises other than banks and located in the West Bank and Gaza Strip: PCBS carried out the collection of relevant data pertaining to these enterprises. The second group included banks in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the Palestine Monetary Authority conducted data collection from the banks. The total sample size of the enterprises under the responsibility of PCBS in the West Bank and Gaza Strip was 91 enterprises (19 banks, 72 enterprises other than banks).

##### 2.3.3 The Implementation Stage

This phase included field work operations, data processing, and tabulation:

- Field work operations: The number of field workers was related to the number of enterprises in each governorate. Six field workers were recruited and trained for data collection. These field workers held interviews with the manager or accountant of the

enterprise to fill in the questionnaires. In addition, field visits were conducted by the survey's management team to ensure data collection was conducted according to the applicable standards.

- Data processing and tabulation, which included:
  - Developing a data entry program and training of data entry clerks.
  - Organizing data entry processes.
  - Post-data entry editing.
  - Tabulation.

## **2.4 Accuracy of the Data**

### **2.4.1 Statistical Errors**

There is no mechanism or basis by which the value of investment in enterprises that did not respond to the survey could be estimated and the nature of the survey makes it difficult to find a relationship between the different survey indicators. For example, an enterprise might have more external investments than another enterprise even though it employs fewer workers.

Please note that very few enterprises refused to respond to the survey and these were classified as small enterprises, therefore the final results of the survey are not affected.

### **2.4.2 Non-Statistical Errors**

These types of error could appear in one or in all of the survey stages that include data collection and data entry:

#### **Response rate values:**

- Non-response rate: 3%.
- Response rate: 97%.
- Over-coverage rate: 11%.

Response errors: This type of error relates to respondents, field workers, and data entry personnel. To avoid mistakes and reduce their impact, a series of measures were implemented to enhance the accuracy of the data through the process of data collection from the field and data processing.

## **2.5 Comparability**

It is difficult to make comparisons of survey data over a time period since this is the first such survey and there is a lack of time series data. The survey provides data comparability with other countries that publish statistics based on the Balance of Payments Manual- fifth edition issued by the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The survey was conducted according to the recommendations and standards of this manual.

## **2.6 Data Quality Control**

### **2.6.1 Field work**

- A specialized field work team with a background in economics was selected and trained theoretically and practically on the questionnaire used for the survey.
- Field work visits were made by both field work and project management staff to monitor and follow up the data collection process and progress of work. On average, two visits were made per field worker. All of completed questionnaires were reviewed and corrected if necessary and comments and notes were directed to the team accordingly.

- Different levels of supervision and monitoring were implemented according to the following hierarchy:
  - Field workers
  - Field worker supervisors
  - Field work coordinators (Each with supervisory responsibilities).
- The project managers received a weekly progress report about completeness and response rates.
- A refresher meeting was held and followed up by telephone during data collection to reiterate the main points of the training and to answer questions by field workers about issues faced in the field.

### **2.6.2 Data Quality**

To ensure the quality and consistency of data, a set of measures was introduced to enhance the accuracy of data as follows:

- Preparation of a data entry program prior to data collection to guarantee the preparedness of an appropriate data entry program.
- A set of validation rules were applied to the program to check the consistency of data.
- The efficiency of the program was checked through pre-testing by entering some questionnaires, including incorrect information, to check that the incorrect information was identified.
- Well-trained data personnel were selected and trained for main data entry.
- Weekly data files were received by project managers to check accuracy and consistency and correction notes were provided for data entry supervisors.

### **2.7 Notes on Data**

1. Differences in the results of certain indicators can be noted due to approximation.
2. The implementation of the Foreign Investment Survey for Palestinian enterprises 2010 for non-financial and financial enterprises (excluding banks) was conducted by the Central Bureau of Statistics (PCBS).
3. The implementation of the foreign investment survey for Palestinian enterprises 2010 for financial enterprises (banks) was conducted by the Palestine Monetary Authority (PMA).

- **Exchange rates:**

The exchange rates of stocks to US \$ were based on those valid at the end of the base year 2010:

- NIS / US \$ = 0.28
- JD / US \$ = 1.42



## Chapter Three

### Concepts and Definitions

This chapter defines the concepts used in the preparation of the survey tools on which data collection and processing were based. These concepts and their definitions are based on international recommendations in the fields of economic statistics and national accounts, while taking into consideration the particular aspects of the Palestinian Territory.

#### **Residency:**

Residency is defined from an economic perspective rather than a legal one. The fundamental criterion to determine the residency of an entity is its center of economic interest, known as the location of housing, or of production or other sites, within the economic territory of a country. The entity initiates large scale activities and economic transactions for a limited or unlimited period, but usually a long period of time. In practice, an individual is resident if he/she remains in a country for a period of at least one year, excluding embassies (apart from local staff who are considered residents in the country where they live, patients being treated abroad, and students who are studying abroad even if their stay exceeds one year).

A company is considered resident in an economy when it has been operating in that economy for one year and more, has a building or office, and has independent accounting records are not included in the financial statements of the parent company, if any.

#### **Enterprise (project):**

Any economic entity legally capable of acquiring assets, assuming liabilities, exercising economic activities, and conducting transactions with other parties resulting in profits and losses. The entity prepares a balance sheet of its assets and liabilities at the end of the year, including performed economic activity or group of economic activities (establishments).

#### **External Assets:**

The stocks invested abroad by residents in the Palestinian Territory (individuals or enterprises).

#### **Foreign Liabilities:**

The stocks of non-residents (individuals or enterprises) invested in enterprises located in the Palestinian Territory.

#### **Direct Investment Enterprises:**

An incorporated or unincorporated enterprise in which a foreign investor owns 10 percent or more of the ordinary shares or voting power for an incorporated enterprise, or the equivalent for an unincorporated enterprise.

#### **Direct Investor:**

The investor owns 10% or more of the capital of the company.

#### **Portfolio Investor:**

The investor owns less than 10% of the capital of the company or investments in bonds.

**Other Foreign Investments:**

Other investments include all stocks of external assets and foreign liabilities not classified under any of the other three broad categories. The most important of these are trade credits, currency and deposits, loans and other assets and liabilities.

**Reserve Assets:**

Assets that must be controllable by the Monetary Authority. They must be accessible to the Monetary Authority at relatively short notice for balance of payments purposes and be denominated in a convertible currency.